

The 'Ohana News



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Students Dive Into Relevant Science, Math Data, Stewardship & Service



It might look like a play period, but it was serious learning! WMS **Leadership Students** have decided that one of their service projects would be to try to eliminate invasive **Fireweed** both from campus and also along Ala 'Ohia (aka Parker

Ranch connector) Road. It is an ideal project to learn about the serious environmental threat of invasive species, practice data collection and teamwork, make a meaningful contribution to our ranching community through stewardship and also get some exercise. **Ace Hardware's Waimea Store** offered to donate dozens of pairs of work gloves. Pictured above accepting the gloves are (L-R) students **Keighsen Walker, Holi Bergin, Nicole Lorenzo** and **Cody Cook**. With them are Ace employees **Glenda Perez, Luisa Epenesa** and **Lopaka Lindsey**. At top of page are two PE classes and a Science and Business and Practical Arts class who yesterday launched the cleanup, defying Waimea mist! Students are learning that Fireweed, though pretty, must be taken seriously as a nasty invasive. Not only can each plant produce 30,000 seeds a year that spread easily, but it is toxic to most livestock when eaten, causing slow growth, illness, liver-malfunction and even death in severe cases. Also, it's not enough to just pull the weeds; they must be carefully sterilized -- in this case in heavy black plastic bags baked in the sun -- to ensure they aren't just spread further. *Mahalo, Ace Hardware -- and to our students, faculty and staff for taking on this stewardship project that teaches so many relevant lessons!*

Report Cards In Mail!

1st Quarter grades should be received today or tomorrow by WMS families via the mail. If not received, please call the office.

Make Tomorrow - Wed., Oct. 17 - A Pizza Night!

Dominos Pizza will donate 10% of their entire day's sales to our school! This is one of 5 days each month they are doing this and families, faculty, staff and community friends are urged to enjoy Dominos for lunch, dinner or a snack! *Mahalo, Dominos!*

'Save First' Deposit Day #1 Tomorrow: Students who have signed up for this free **Hawai'i First Federal Credit Union** project may make their first deposit between 7:30 and 8 a.m. tomorrow - Wed., Oct. 17 - outside **Mrs. Onaka's** classroom. Students must make a minimum of 6 deposits on one of 9 Deposit Days. *Mahalo Yearbook students for helping with this!*

Free Flu Vax Clinic Tomorrow - Wed., Oct. 17: Only for students whose families requested this.

Earthquake Drill This Thurs., Oct. 18: WMS will participate in what is expected to be the largest earthquake drill in U.S. history at 10:18 a.m. Thursday as part of a "**The Great Shake Out.**" Prior to the drill, teachers will review safety precautions with students. *See Page 2 for important family info.*

Waimea Elementary Country Fair & Concert This Sat., Oct. 20.

1-6 p.m. on the field. Please join this family-friendly event that will include a keiki train and games, crafts, a plant sale, ice cream sundaes, a delicious BBQ, and conclude with an concert beginning about 5 p.m. with **Country Western singer Joni Morris** paying tribute to the music of **Patsy Cline!** Concert free; BBQ plates \$8 for tickets purchased in advance, \$10 for those purchased that day. Tickets available in WMS and WES school offices. Proceeds will buy playground equipment. Bring mats or your own chairs.

Urgent Lost & Found: Beautiful warm jackets, shirts, a basketball and even 3 pairs of glasses have been turned into the office. Students urged to come see if anything belongs to them!

What Will You Be Doing To Make A Difference On National 'Make A Difference Day' – Sat., Oct. 27?



All across the USA, the 4th Saturday of October – this year it's **Oct. 27, 2012** – Americans will celebrate "Make A Difference Day."

Making a Difference involves contributing to one's "community" – that is, your immediate family, your neighborhood, your town, your island or state, or your world. And now is the time to think about what you will do to reach out and help!

WMS 8th Grade Social Studies Classes are currently studying **CITIZENSHIP** – which is directly connected to Making A Difference, so every 8th grader is being given an assignment to actively participate in a "Make A Difference Day" project. It might be one of the following suggested activities, or, students may work with their family to determine an appropriate

project to be completed on Sat., Oct. 27. Upon concluding the project, each student must complete a reflection form and have a family member or service recipient sign off confirming that the student did, in fact, Make A Difference by participating. This signed reflection form must be turned in to the student's Social Studies teacher for grading.

And there's more. If a student is considering running for **May Day Court**, he/she must also attach a copy of their signed reflection to an "Intention To Run For May Day Form."

The May Day Court election will not take place until January, but this gives every student the opportunity to begin working towards running for the Court.

If you have questions about this Make A Difference Day assignment, please see **Social Studies Teachers Mrs. Foster or Mrs. Shafer**. If you have questions about May Day Court, please see **'Ike Hawai'i Resource Teacher Pua Case**.

Extra-Curricular Activities

WMS requires high academic and behavior standards for all extra-curricular activities. Students must sign a contract for the particular activity and must meet the following minimum criteria beginning on the date the contract is signed:

- Maintain a 2.0 GPA;
- Have no suspensions from the time they sign the contract until the time of the activity;
- Maintain a 96% attendance rate from the time they sign the contract until the time of the activity; and
- Attend school for the full day on the day of the event.

Some extra-curricular programs/ activities may have additional requirements. These will be sent home and will require a parent/ guardian signature.

WMS Students-Families Invited To 'Make A Difference' Oct. 27 By:

1) Joining Kohala Watershed Partnership (KWP) Volunteers & Working To Preserve & Protect The Koai'a Tree Sanctuary: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.



WMS students making a difference in the Kohala watershed...

KWP staff at 8:30 a.m. in the back parking lot of The Kohala Center (65-1291 Kawaihae Road) to carpool to **The Koai'a Tree Sanctuary** – a last remnant of native dry forest on Kohala Mountain – to assist with a wide variety of jobs to nurture this native ecosystem, including clearing invasive species, planting native plants, upgrading the trail to eliminate areas of erosion, etc. Come prepared with long sleeves and pants, sturdy work shoes (no slippahs!), water bottle and lunch. KWP will provide gloves, tools, drinking water and snacks. For info and to confirm

participation, please see **WMS Science Teacher Nau'i Murphy** or email: Nau_i_Murphy@notes.k12.hi.us.

2) Helping The Waimea Nature Park Work Day: 9 a.m. – noon. All Waimea families and friends are invited to **Ulu La'au (Waimea Nature Park)** to lend a hand. Many different tasks needed. Please wear comfortable weather-appropriate clothing and closed shoes. Bring drinking water too, though Waimea Outdoor Circle will have some drinking water and snacks for everyone when the work is done. No RSVP required; just come! Info: **Carol Hendricks (885-4453)**.

3) Cleaning Up Hapuna Beach: 7:30-9:30 a.m. The **Ocean Conservancy** and **Get The Drift And Bag It** groups will provide materials needed and students will be asked to complete a data card on trash collected for the Ocean Conservancy. For info and to confirm participation, please see **WMS Language Arts Teacher Leesa Robertson** or email: Leesa_Robertson@notes.k12.hi.us.

4) Offering to help a grandparent or neighbor with a project, or making a lei and placing it on Manau'a (Waimea's rain rock) or gathering or purchasing flowers and decorating gravesites in Waimea.



Mahalo to customers and all who helped students earn \$108 at the first Farm Stand day!!

Yes, our students grew this beautiful organic produce and flowers!



Special thanks to Principal Matt Horne for filming and shipping video to Hawai'i News Now! It was so cool to see our students and Mala'ai learning garden featured on the evening news!

Student-Run Mala'ai Garden Farm Stand Makes 'Hawai'i News Now' Statewide Television!



Last Friday evening, KGMB-TV's *Hawai'i News Now* shared a video glimpse of our new Mala'ai School Garden Farm Stand with television viewers statewide! As viewers watched students at work selling beautiful produce to customers, the news anchor explained that, in addition to learning the science and practical arts of growing their own fresh produce, 6th-8th grade WMS students are also learning the entrepreneurial skills of running a small business – packaging, pricing, managing student-volunteers, bookkeeping and marketing by running their own Farm Stand from 2:15-4 p.m. each Thursday, now thru Nov. 29. The entire school-community is invited to stop by to purchase items, mostly grown in the school's organic learning garden. Student-grown produce includes a variety of leafy greens, kabocha squash, red and sweet potatoes, cabbage, green beans, herbs and cut flowers. Pictured above (L-R) are Garden Leader-Teacher Holly Sargeant-Green, student mentor and project manager Charles Oldfather, Cleo Castillo, Caitlyn White, Ryan Hooley and Makaio Liftee with customers.



Please Mark Your Calendar!

School Lunch Menus:

Wed., Oct. 17: Fish Hoagie w/ Potato Smiles, Rainbow Salad & Sliced Pears, or Fruit Salad w/ Yogurt & Whole Wheat Roll, or Teri-Chicken-Won-Bok Saimin w/ Salad & Fresh Fruit.

Thurs., Oct. 18: Beef Stew w/ Steamed Hapa Rice, Apple Wedge & Biscuit, or Chicken Caesar Salad w/ Whole Wheat Roll & Fresh Fruit, or Loco Moco w/ Steamed Hapa Rice & Shredded Cabbage, Salad & Fresh Fruit.

Fri., Oct. 19: Oriental Chicken w/ Steamed Hapa Rice, Succotash, Orange Wedge & Whole Wheat Roll, or Pasta Salad w/ Whole Wheat Roll & Fresh Fruit, or Teri-Chicken-Won-Bok Saimin w/ Salad & Fresh Fruit.

Mon., Oct. 22: Chicken Patty on Whole Wheat Bun w/ Lettuce & Tomato, Seasoned Fries & Orange Wedge, or Chinese Chicken Salad & Whole Wheat Roll & Fresh Fruit, or Teri-Chicken-Won-Bok Saimin w/ Salad & Fresh Fruit.

Tues., Oct. 23: Corn Dog w/ Potato Smiles, Baked Beans, Fruit Crisp & Banana, or Somen Salad w/ Whole Wheat Roll & Fresh Fruit, or Loco Moco w/ Steamed Hapa Rice & Shredded Cabbage, Salad & Fresh Fruit.

NOTE: All menus are posted on the school website.

New Robotics VEX Adds 'Remote Control' To Programming Challenge

Our WMS Robotics Team participated in its first ever VEX competition at Honoka'a this past weekend along with 25 other Big Island teams. Hat's off to participating students, who included **Roland Afaga, Quiana Anastacio, Anthony Beetem, Cleo Castillo, Easton Chong, Sadie Ednie, Maile Etherton, Dane Francis, Korie Key, Kekoa Lovell** and **Jeremiah Sam**.

This year's **VEX Challenge**, called "**Sack Attack**," requires students to design, build, program and operate robots to move bean bags around a 12' x 12' playing field and, in the process, score points. The game has a 15-second autonomous period and a 1-minute-45-second remote control period. Teams are placed in alliances for the competition and need to strategize to earn the most points.

Our WMS team earned 231 points, putting them in 15th based on "winning points" with the highest scoring team being Hilo High School with 473 points.

Mahalo to families who came out to support the team! The next qualification events will be December 1st at Kohala and December 15th at Waiakea. Until then, our team will continue to practice to prepare for the **Pan Pacific Tournament** in February on O'ahu.



Photos courtesy of Mrs. Etherton

P&R Volleyball Competition!

WMS Game & Practice Schedule: *Come support them!*

Team 1: Smack Dat 14U – Coach Malia Ahloy
Practice: Wed., 1:30-2:30 & Thurs., 3:30-4:30

Team 2: Da Kine 14U – Coach Maile Lewi
Practice: Tues., 2:30-3:30 & Wed., 1:30-2:30

Team 3: Rajah Dat 14U – Coaches Bernie Marsh & Andrea Anastacio - Practice: Fri., 3:30-4:30

Team 4: Spikas 14U – Coach Warren Tamaye
Practice: Wed., 2:30-3:30 & Thurs., 2:30-3:30

Team 5: Stingrays 12U – Coach Cherise Mundon
Practice: Mon., 2:30-3:45 & Fri., 2:30-3:30

Team 6: Lil' Spikas 12U – Coach Warren Tamaye
Practice: Mon., 2:30-3:45 & Fri., 2:30-3:30

Tues., Oct. 16 – Kohala Gym

4:15 pm – WMS Lil' Spikas 12U vs Kohala 1
5 pm - WMS Lil' Spikas 12U vs. Kohala 2
5:45 pm – WMS Spikas 14U vs Kohala

Tues., Oct. 16 – Honoka'a Gym

4:15 pm – WMS Smack Dat 14U vs Honoka'a
5 pm – WMS Da Kine 14U vs Honoka'a

Tues., Oct. 16 – Waimea Gym

5:45 pm – WMS Rajah Dat 14U vs HPA

Tues., Oct. 23 – Honoka'a Gym

4:15 pm – WMS Stingrays 12U vs. Honoka'a 12U (C1)
4:15 pm – WMS Spikas 14U vs Honoka'a 14U (C2)
5 pm – WMS Lil' Spikas 12U vs Honoka'a 12U (C1)
5 pm – WMS Rajah Dat 14U vs. Honokaa 14U (C2)

Thurs., Oct. 25 – Waimea Gym

5:45 pm – WMS Smack Dat 14U vs WMS Da Kine 14U